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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 55/199 of 20 December 2000, the General Assembly decided to convene the Commission on Sustainable Development during its tenth session to act as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development. In that context, the Assembly invited the Commission to start its organizational work in order, inter alia, to elect, from among all States, a Bureau composed of 10 members, with two representatives from each of the geographical groups, one of whom would be elected Chairperson and the others Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom would also act as the Rapporteur. It also decided that the Commission on Sustainable Development should serve as the preparatory body for the final preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

II. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

2. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly in its resolution 55/199 as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held its organizational session from 30 April to 2 May 2001, as recommended by the Commission on Sustainable Development in its decision 8/1. The Committee held 5 meetings (1st to 5th) and informal meetings.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 30 April, the Chairman of the Commission at its ninth session, Bedrich Moldan (Czech Republic), opened the session and made an opening statement.

4. Also at the 1st meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement and presented the web site of the Summit.

5. At the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of: the Women's Environment and Development Organization; the Commission on Sustainable Development youth caucus-United Nations Association in Canada; the International Indian Treaty Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development Indigenous Peoples Caucus; the South African NGO Host Committee; the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development; the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives on behalf of local authorities; the International Chamber of Commerce on behalf of business and industry; the International Council of Scientific Unions on behalf of scientific and technological communities; and Taproot Farm, United States of America.

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 April, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made a statement.

7. At the same meeting, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development made an introductory statement.

B. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 30 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman:
Emil Salim (Indonesia)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti (Brazil)
Jan Kára (Czech Republic)
Ihab Gamaleldin (Egypt)
Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica)
Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan)
Ositadanma Anaedu (Nigeria)
Alexandru Niculescu (Romania)

9. Also at the same meeting, Richard Ballhorn (Canada) and Lars-Göran (Sweden) were elected as Vice-Chairpersons by secret ballot.

10. At its 5th meeting, on 2 May 2001, the preparatory committee elected, by acclamation, Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica) as Vice-Chairperson cum Rapporteur.

C. Agenda and organization of work

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 30 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.17/2001/PC/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Progress in preparatory activities for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups.
4. Specific modalities of future preparatory meetings, including matters related to the accreditation for participation in the preparatory process and the Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.
5. Draft rules of procedure for the Summit.
6. Process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit on its organizational session.

12. At its 1st meeting, on 30 April, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the requests for accreditation of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, the secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Islamic Republic of Iran, 1971) and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, as intergovernmental organizations, to participate in the

preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development with the status of observers.

D. Attendance

13. In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 55/199, the Commission acting as the preparatory body for the World Summit on Sustainable Development was open-ended to allow the full participation of all States.

14. The following States were represented: Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

15. The observer for Palestine attended the session.

16. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic Commission for Africa; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Regional Commissions, New York office; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Population Fund; World Food Programme; and Global Environment Facility.

17. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; World Health Organization; World Bank; International Monetary Fund; World Meteorological Organization; International Fund for Agricultural Development; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; and World Trade Organization.

18. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee to the United Nations; Caribbean Community; Convention on Wetlands; Commonwealth Secretariat;

Intergovernmental Forum on Chemical Safety; European Community; International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; International Organization of La Francophonie; International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources; Organization of African Unity; Organization of the Islamic Conference; and South Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

19. The observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies entity, having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintain permanent offices at Headquarters, attended the session.

20. The observers for the secretariats of the treaty bodies, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, attended the session.

21. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the session.

E. Documentation

22. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development had before it the following documents:

(a) Annotated provisional agenda (E/CN.17/2001/PC/1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on demographic dynamics and sustainability (E/CN.17/2001/PC/2);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on information and institutions for decision-making (E/CN.17/2001/PC/3);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on major groups (E/CN.17/2001/PC/4);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on combating poverty (E/CN.17/2001/PC/5);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on health and sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/6);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on education and public awareness for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/7);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on changing consumption patterns (E/CN.17/2001/PC/8);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable human settlements development and environmentally sound management of solid wastes (E/CN.17/2001/PC/9);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on finance and trade (E/CN.17/2001/PC/10);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building; and environmentally sound management of biotechnology (E/CN.17/2001/PC/11);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the atmosphere (E/CN.17/2001/PC/12);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on agriculture, land and desertification (E/CN.17/2001/PC/13);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable mountain development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/14);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress in forests since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/15);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on the oceans and seas (E/CN.17/2001/PC/16);

(q) Report of the Secretary-General on water: a key resource for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/17);

(r) Report of the Secretary-General on the global status of biological diversity (E/CN.17/2001/PC/18);

(s) Report of the Secretary-General on the management of toxic chemicals and hazardous and radioactive wastes (E/CN.17/2001/PC/19);

(t) Report of the Secretary-General on energy and transport (E/CN.17/2001/PC/20);

(u) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable development of tourism (E/CN.17/2001/PC/21);

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on suggested arrangements for involving non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the Summit and its preparatory process (E/CN.17/2001/22);

(w) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in preparatory activities at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups (E/CN.17/2001/PC/23);

(x) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/24);

(y) Note by the Secretary-General on the status of documentation for the session (E/CN.17/2001/PC/L.1);

(z) Draft report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit on its organizational session (E/CN.17/2001/PC/L.2);

(aa) Note by the Secretariat on the World Summit on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/CRP.3).

III. Progress in preparatory activities for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups

23. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development considered agenda item 3, entitled "Progress in preparatory activities for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the

local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups", jointly with agenda item 6, entitled "Process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner". The preparatory committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on demographic dynamics and sustainability (E/CN.17/2001/PC/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on information and institutions for decision-making (E/CN.17/2001/PC/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on major groups (E/CN.17/2001/PC/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on combating poverty (E/CN.17/2001/PC/5);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on health and sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/6);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on education and public awareness for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/7);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on changing consumption patterns (E/CN.17/2001/PC/8);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable human settlements development and environmentally sound management of solid wastes (E/CN.17/2001/PC/9);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on finance and trade (E/CN.17/2001/PC/10);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building; and environmentally sound management of biotechnology (E/CN.17/2001/PC/11);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on protection of the atmosphere (E/CN.17/2001/PC/12);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on agriculture, land and desertification (E/CN.17/2001/PC/13);

(m) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable mountain development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/14);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of progress in forests since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/15);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General on the oceans and seas (E/CN.17/2001/PC/16);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on water: a key resource for sustainable development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/17);

(q) Report of the Secretary-General on the global status of biological diversity (E/CN.17/2001/PC/18);

(r) Report of the Secretary-General on the management of toxic chemicals and hazardous and radioactive wastes (E/CN.17/2001/PC/19);

(s) Report of the Secretary-General on energy and transport (E/CN.17/2001/PC/20);

(t) Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable development of tourism (E/CN.17/2001/PC/21);

(u) Report of the Secretary-General on suggested arrangements for involving non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the Summit and its preparatory process (E/CN.17/2001/22);

(v) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress in preparatory activities at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups (E/CN.17/2001/PC/23);

(w) Note by the Secretariat on the World Summit on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/CRP.3).

24. At the 1st meeting, on 30 April 2001, the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement and presented the web site for the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

25. At the same meeting, presentations by major groups of their preparatory activities for and expected contributions to the preparatory process were made by Ms. June Zeitlin of the Women's Environment and Development Organization, Ms. Julie Larsen of the United Nations Association of Canada, Ms. Carol Kalafatic of the International Indian Treaty Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Ms. Michelle Pressend of the South African NGO Host Committee, Lucien Royer of International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Mr. Sean Southey of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, on behalf of local authorities, Mr. Jack Whelan of the International Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of business and industry, Dr. Larry Kohler of the International Council of Scientific Unions, on behalf of the scientific and technological communities, and Mr. Tom Forester, Taproot Farm, United States of America.

26. At the 2nd meeting, on 30 April 2001, Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, made a statement.

27. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (also on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and its associated States), Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), China, Chile, Mauritania, Egypt, Indonesia, Iceland, Pakistan, Turkey, Canada, Venezuela, the Republic of Korea, the United States of America, Switzerland, Norway, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Bolivia, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

28. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the observer for Bahá'í International Community, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Action taken by the preparatory committee

Progress in the preparatory activities at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups

29. At its 5th meeting, on 2 May 2001, the preparatory committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Progress in the preparatory activities at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups", submitted by the Chairman.

30. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Egypt, Antigua and Barbuda, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Turkey, Yemen, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bolivia, Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and its associated States) and Peru.

31. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see chap. VIII, resolution 2001/PC/1).

IV. Specific modalities of future preparatory meetings, including matters related to the accreditation for participation in the preparatory process and the World Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

32. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development considered agenda item 4, entitled "Specific modalities of future preparatory meetings, including matters related to the accreditation for participation in the preparatory process and the Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council". The preparatory committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the progress in preparatory activities at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups (E/CN.17/2001/PC/23).

Action taken by the preparatory committee

Specific modalities of future sessions of the preparatory committee

33. At its 5th meeting, on 3 May 2001, the preparatory committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Specific modalities of future sessions of the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development", submitted by the Chairman.

34. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and its associated States) and Brazil.

35. At the same meeting, the observer for the United Nations Environment Programme made a statement.

36. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee adopted the draft decision (see chap. VIII, decision 2001/PC/1).

Tentative organization of work during the World Summit on Sustainable Development

37. At its 5th meeting, on 2 May, the preparatory committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Tentative organization of work during the World Summit on Sustainable Development", submitted by the Chairman.

38. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of China, Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and its associated States) and South Africa.

39. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see chap. VIII, decision 2001/PC/2).

Arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups

40. At its 5th meeting, on 2 May, the preparatory committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the World Summit on Sustainable Development of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups", submitted by the Chairman.

41. At the same meeting, before the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of China, Sweden (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union and its associated States) and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

42. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see chap. VIII, decision 2001/PC/3).

V. Provisional rules of procedure for the Summit

43. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development considered agenda item 5, entitled "Draft rules of procedure for the Summit". The preparatory committee had before it a note by the Secretariat transmitting the draft provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2001/PC/24).

Action taken by the preparatory committee

Provisional rules of procedure for the Summit

44. At its 5th meeting, on 2 May, the preparatory committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", submitted by the Chairman.

45. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee decided to recommend the draft resolution to the General Assembly for adoption (see chap. VIII, sect. A).

VI. Process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner

46. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development considered agenda item 6, entitled "Process for setting the agenda and determining possible main themes for the Summit in a timely manner" jointly with agenda item 3, entitled "Progress in preparatory activities for the World Summit on Sustainable Development at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups" (see chap. III).

VII. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

47. At its 5th meeting, on 2 May 2001, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development had before it the draft report on its organizational session (E/CN.17/2001/PC/L.2).

48. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft report and authorized the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur to finalize it.

VIII. Recommendation of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee and resolution and decisions adopted by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

A. Draft resolution recommended for adoption by the General Assembly

49. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development recommends to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Draft resolution
Provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

1. *Recommends* that the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session adopt the provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as contained in the annex to the present resolution.

Annex

Draft provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

I. Representation and credentials

Rule 1
Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Summit and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Rule 2
Alternates and advisers

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

Rule 3
Submission of credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, if possible not less than one week before the date fixed for the opening of the Summit. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Community, by the President of the European Commission.

Rule 4
Credentials Committee

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Summit. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Summit without delay.

Rule 5
Provisional participation in the Summit

Pending a decision of the Summit upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Conference.

II. Officers

Rule 6
Elections

The Summit shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, twenty-five Vice-Presidents[a] and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The Summit may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

Rule 7
General powers of the President

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Summit, declare the opening and closing of each meeting, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The President shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Summit the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times each representative may speak on a question, the adjournment or closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Summit.

Rule 8
Acting President

1. If the President is absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Rule 9
Replacement of the President

If the President is unable to perform his functions, a new President shall be elected.

[a] Five from each of the following groups: African States; Asian States; Eastern European States; Latin American and Caribbean States; and Western European and other States.

Rule 10
Voting rights of the President

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote in the Summit, but may appoint another member of his delegation to vote in his place.

III. General Committee

Rule 11
Composition

The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Rapporteur-General and the Chairman of the Main Committee shall constitute the General Committee. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee. The Chairman of the Credentials Committee and other committees established by the Summit in accordance with rule 48 may participate, without the right to vote, in the General Committee.

Rule 12
Substitute members

If the President or a Vice-President of the Summit is to be absent during a meeting of the General Committee, he may designate a member of his delegation to sit and vote in the Committee. In case of absence, the Chairman of the Main Committee shall designate the Vice-Chairman of that Committee as his substitute. When serving on the General Committee, a Vice-Chairman of the Main Committee shall not have the right to vote if he is of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

Rule 13
Functions

The General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business of the Summit and, subject to the decisions of the Summit, shall ensure the coordination of its work.

IV. Secretariat of the Summit

Rule 14
Duties of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations or his designated representative shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Summit and its subsidiary organs.

2. The Secretary-General may designate a member of the secretariat to act in his place at these meetings.

3. The Secretary-General or his designated representative shall direct the staff required by the Summit.

Rule 15
Duties of the secretariat

The secretariat of the Summit shall, in accordance with these rules:

(a) Provide simultaneous interpretation of speeches made at meetings;

(b) Receive, translate, reproduce and circulate the documents of the Summit;

(c) Publish and circulate the official documents of the Summit;

(d) Prepare and circulate records of public meetings;

(e) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings;

(f) Arrange for the custody and preservation of the documents of the Summit in the archives of the United Nations;

(g) Generally perform all other work that the Summit may require.

Rule 16
Statements by the secretariat

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, or any member of the secretariat designated for that purpose, may, at any time, make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

V. Opening of the Summit

Rule 17
Temporary President

The Secretary-General of the United Nations or, in his absence, any member of the secretariat designated by him for that purpose, shall open the first meeting of the Summit and preside until the Summit has elected its President.

Rule 18
Decisions concerning organization

The Summit shall at its first meeting:

(a) Adopt its rules of procedure;

(b) Elect its officers and constitute its subsidiary organs;

(c) Adopt its agenda, the draft of which shall, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Summit;

(d) Decide on the organization of its work.

VI. Conduct of business

Rule 19
Quorum

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the representatives of the States participating in the Summit are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

Rule 20
Speeches

1. No one may address the Summit without having previously obtained the permission of the President. Subject to rules 21, 22 and 25 to 27, the President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The secretariat shall be in charge of drawing up a list of speakers.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Summit and the President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The Summit may limit the time allowed to each speaker and the number of times each participant may speak on any question. Permission to speak on a motion to set such limits shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and to two opposing such limits, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, with the consent of the Summit, the President shall limit each intervention on procedural matters to five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

Rule 21
Points of order

During the discussion of any matter, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Rule 22
Precedence

The Chairman or Rapporteur of the Main Committee, or the representative of a subcommittee or working group, may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the body concerned.

Rule 23
Closing of the list of speakers

During the course of a debate, the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Summit, declare the list closed.

Rule 24
Right of reply

1. Notwithstanding rule 23, the President shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the Summit or of the European Community who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply.

2. The statements made under this rule shall normally be made at the end of the last meeting of the day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant item if that is sooner.

3. The representatives of a State or of the European Community may make no more than two statements under this rule at a given meeting on any item. The first shall be limited to five minutes and the second to three minutes; representatives shall in any event attempt to be as brief as possible.

Rule 25
Adjournment of debate

A representative of any State participating in the Summit may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour and to two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Rule 26
Closure of debate

A representative of any State participating in the Summit may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Rule 27
Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Subject to rule 38, a representative of any State participating in the Summit may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 28, be immediately put to the vote.

Rule 28
Order of motions

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(a) To suspend the meeting;

(b) To adjourn the meeting;

(c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

Rule 29
Submission of proposals and substantive amendments

Proposals and substantive amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General or his designated representative, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. Unless the Summit decides otherwise, substantive proposals shall

be discussed or put to a decision no earlier than 24 hours after copies have been circulated in all languages of the Summit to all delegations. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though these amendments have not been circulated or have been circulated only the same day.

Rule 30
Withdrawal of proposals and motions

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before a decision on it has been taken, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Rule 31
Decisions on competence

Subject to rule 28, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Summit to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Rule 32
Reconsideration of proposals

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Summit, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

VII. Decision-making

Rule 33
General agreement

The Summit shall make its best endeavours to ensure that the work of the Summit is accomplished by general agreement.

Rule 34
Voting rights

Each State participating in the Summit shall have one vote.

Rule 35
Majority required

1. Subject to rule 33, decisions of the Summit and its subsidiary organs shall be taken in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and its committees, respectively.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Summit on all matters of procedure shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the President of the Summit shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling

shall be put to the vote immediately, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

Rule 36
Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be regarded as not voting.

Rule 37
Method of voting

1. Except as provided in rule 44, the Summit shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Summit, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Summit votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Summit.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the meeting.

Rule 38
Conduct during voting

After the President has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting, except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Rule 39
Explanation of vote

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

Rule 40
Division of proposals

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be decided on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour of and

to two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the Summit for decision as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Rule 41
Amendments

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be regarded as including amendments.

Rule 42
Order of voting on amendments

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Summit shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Rule 43
Order of voting on proposals

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Summit decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Summit may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case, the original proposal shall be regarded as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to the vote before a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

Elections

Rule 44

All elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Summit decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 45

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places.

VIII. Subsidiary bodies

Rule 46
Main Committee

The Summit may establish a Main Committee as required which may set up subcommittees or working groups.

Rule 47
Representation on the Main Committee

Each State participating in the Summit and the European Community may be represented by one representative on the Main Committee established by the Summit. It may assign to the Committee such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Other committees and working groups

Rule 48

1. In addition to the Main Committee referred to above, the Summit may establish such committees and working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

2. Subject to the decision of the Plenary of the Summit, the Main Committee may set up subcommittees and working groups.

Rule 49

1. The members of the committees and working groups of the Summit, referred to in rule 48, paragraph 1, shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Summit, unless the Summit decides otherwise.

2. Members of the subcommittees and working groups of committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the committee in question, subject to the approval of that committee, unless the committee decides otherwise.

Rule 50
Officers

Except as otherwise provided in rule 6, each committee, subcommittee and working group shall elect its own officers.

Rule 51
Quorum

1. The Chairman of the Main Committee may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one quarter of the States participating in the Summit are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

2. A majority of the representatives of the General or Credentials Committee or of any committee, subcommittee or working group shall constitute a quorum provided that they are representatives of participating States.

Rule 52
Officers, conduct of business and voting

The rules contained in chapters II, VI (except rule 19) and VII above shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of committees, subcommittees and working groups, except that:

(a) The Chairmen of the General and Credentials Committees and the Chairmen of the committees, subcommittees and working groups may exercise the right to vote, provided that they are representatives of participating States;

(b) Decisions of committees, subcommittees and working groups shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting, except that the reconsideration of a proposal or an amendment shall require the majority established by rule 32.

IX. Languages and records

Rule 53
Languages of the Summit

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Summit.

Rule 54
Interpretation

1. Speeches made in a language of the Summit shall be interpreted into the other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Summit if the delegation concerned provides for interpretation into one such language.

Rule 55
Languages of official documents

Official documents of the Summit shall be made available in the languages of the Summit.

Rule 56
Sound recordings of meetings

Sound recordings of meetings of the Summit and of any Main Committee shall be made and kept in accordance with the practice of the United Nations. Unless otherwise decided by the Summit or the Main Committee concerned, no such recordings shall be made of the meetings of any working group thereof.

X. Public and private meetings

General principles

Rule 57

The plenary meetings of the Summit and the meetings of any committee shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the Plenary of the Summit at a private meeting shall be announced at an early public meeting of the Plenary.

Rule 58

As a general rule, meetings of the General Committee, subcommittees or working groups shall be held in private.

Rule 59
Communiqués on private meetings

At the close of a private meeting, the presiding officer of the organ concerned may issue a communiqué through the Secretary-General or his designated representative.

XI. Other participants and observers

Rule 60
Entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices

Representatives designated by entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices have the right to participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Summit, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Rule 61
Representatives of the specialized agencies[b]

Representatives designated by the specialized agencies may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Summit, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 62
Representatives of other intergovernmental organizations

Save where otherwise specifically provided with respect to the European

[b] For the purpose of these rules, the term "specialized agencies" includes the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Trade Organization, the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Community in these rules of procedure, representatives designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Summit may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Summit, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 63
Representatives of interested United Nations organs

Representatives designated by interested organs of the United Nations may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Summit, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

Rule 64
Representatives of non-governmental organizations[c]

1. Non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Summit may designate representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Summit and the Main Committees.

2. Upon the invitation of the presiding officer of the body concerned and subject to the approval of that body, such observers may make oral statements on questions in which they have special competence. If the number of requests to speak is too large, the non-governmental organizations shall be requested to form themselves into constituencies, such constituencies to speak through spokespersons.

Rule 65
Associate members of regional commissions[d]

Representatives designated by associate members of the regional commissions listed in the footnote may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Summit, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

Rule 66
Written statements

Written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 65 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the language in which the statements are made available to it at the

[c] It is recalled that paragraph 23.3 of Agenda 21 provides that "any policies, definitions or rules affecting access to and participation by non-governmental organizations in the work of the United Nations institutions or agencies associated with the implementation of Agenda 21 must apply equally to all major groups". Agenda 21 defines major groups as comprising women, children and youth, indigenous people, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, workers and their trade unions, business and industry, the scientific and technological community and farmers. Therefore, based on Agenda 21, rule 64 shall apply equally to non-governmental organizations and other major groups.

[d] American Samoa, Anguilla, Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Niue, Puerto Rico, United States Virgin Islands.

site of the Summit, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Summit and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence.

XII. Suspension and amendment of the rules of procedure

Rule 67
Method of suspension

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Summit provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

Rule 68
Method of amendment

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Summit taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the General Committee has reported on the proposed amendment.

B. Resolution and decisions adopted by the Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

50. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution 2001/PC/1
Progress in the preparatory activities at the local, national subregional, regional and international levels, as well as by major groups

The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 55/199, of 20 December 2000, which laid out the terms of reference for the preparatory process for the World Summit, and emphasizing the need for an open, participatory and fully transparent preparatory process at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels,

Welcoming the commencement of local and national preparations for the World Summit in a large number of countries through the establishment of national preparatory committees, with the participation of all relevant parts of government and stakeholders, the undertaking of national assessments and the initiation of other preparatory activities as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General,[1]

[1] E/CN.17/2001/PC/23.

Underscoring the importance of mobilizing high-level political leadership at the national level in order to ensure effective preparation for the World Summit, further implementation of Agenda 21[2] and strengthening of global partnerships for sustainable development,

Welcoming the initiatives of a number of Governments to host regional round tables of eminent persons, as well as other meetings of experts and stakeholders in support of preparations for the World Summit and also welcoming the preparatory activities and initiatives launched and planned by the major groups as a contribution to the Summit and its preparatory process,

Expressing its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports, prepared on the basis of contributions from the task managers of the United Nations system,[3] which contain information contributing to assessments of progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in all thematic areas of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted at the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly,[4] and which aim at facilitating national and regional reviews and assessments,

Welcoming the initiatives of a number of organizations of the United Nations system, including the *World Health Report* of the World Health Organization, the third Global Environmental Outlook report of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Poverty and Environment Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme and the European Community, the *World Development Report*, of the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations follow-up meeting, World Food Summit: Five Years Later, to be held in Rome from 5 to 9 November 2001, and the *Rural Poverty Report 2001*, of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, which are aimed at enriching the United Nations system's contribution to the preparatory process for the Summit,

Recognizing the importance of fully considering in the preparatory process the reports of all intergovernmental processes relevant to the World Summit,

1. *Calls upon* countries that have not yet started their national preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development to do so as soon as possible;

2. *Invites* the United Nations Resident Coordinators to facilitate coordinated support from the United Nations system to country-level preparations for the World Summit, and urges bilateral and multilateral donors to support preparatory activities in developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition as a matter of priority;

3. *Underlines* the critical importance of regional preparations for the World Summit in the regions of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Europe, which are to take place during the period from August to November 2001 and which will formulate regional platforms to

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[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.18 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution I, annex II.

[3] E/CN.17/2001/PC/2-21.

[4] Resolutions S-19/2, annex.

provide a regional assessment of the implementation of Agenda 21, outline key policy issues, priorities and follow-up actions, provide substantial inputs to the preparatory process for the World Summit, along with a forward-looking examination of what should be achieved in the next decade with regard to areas they identify as priorities, determine how each region will contribute to, and what it will need from, the international community in terms of the means of implementation and forward the views of the States of the regions on international cooperation for sustainable development at the regional and global levels;

4. *Welcomes* the preparatory work undertaken by the Secretariat in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and other international organizations, in particular the preparations for regional and subregional preparatory meetings, and calls upon all relevant international organizations to actively support such meetings, as well as an interregional preparatory meeting for the small island developing States, within the context of intergovernmental frameworks;

5. *Also welcomes* the efforts of the Governments of South Africa and Indonesia as the hosts of the World Summit and the final ministerial session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, respectively, to ensure effective preparations and encourages other countries, in particular donor countries, to actively support those efforts;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in preparing his comprehensive report for the first substantive session of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee, to take fully into account the views expressed by the participants in the organizational session of the preparatory committee, as well as the results of national, subregional, regional and interregional preparatory activities, including by major groups as identified in Agenda 21, for the World Summit, and, on this basis, to indicate, inter alia, possible main themes, which could be addressed by the preparatory committee and be part of the focus of the World Summit, bearing in mind the need to reflect the fact that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development and should be treated in a balanced manner, the need for concrete proposals aimed at facilitating the operationalization and implementation of sustainable development pursuant to Agenda 21 at all levels and the need to address cross-sectoral issues and means of implementation in an integrated and comprehensive manner;

7. *Invites* the Secretariat to include in the documentation to be provided to the preparatory committee at its first substantive session information on:

(a) Trends in and constraints to the implementation of Agenda 21 at all levels, based on, inter alia, national reports/country profiles and assessments submitted to the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(b) Actions undertaken by the United Nations system and other international organizations and international financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility, in assisting developing countries to implement Agenda 21;

(c) Progress made concerning the contribution of major groups in the implementation of Agenda 21 since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(d) Implementation of the main decisions and recommendations of the Commission on Sustainable Development during the period from 1993 to 2001;

8. *Invites* all intergovernmental processes relevant to the World Summit, including the international environmental governance process launched by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, to submit their progress reports/results to the preparatory committee at its second session, and their final results at the third session, so that they can be fully considered in the preparatory process;

9. *Decides* that the preparatory process will also take into account the results of the Millennium Assembly, the International Conference on Financing for Development, the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, the meetings of the conferences of parties of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development-related conventions and other relevant global conventions and the replenishment of the Global Environment Facility;

10. *Also decides* that the preparations for the World Summit at all levels should take into account, as appropriate, progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States[5] at the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

11. *Encourages* further preparatory initiatives by major groups, in particular those which result in new partnerships and commitments to sustainable development;

12. *Underscores* the importance of proactive public information campaign at national and international levels to promote the World Summit and its outcome, with a view to raising awareness at all levels regarding the significance of sustainable development, and invites the Secretary-General to inform the next session of the preparatory committee on progress achieved in this regard;

13. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments and other donors that contributed to the Trust Fund to facilitate preparations for the World Summit and to support participation in the preparatory meetings and at the Summit of representatives of developing countries, and urges other donors to make their voluntary contributions in support of these activities as well as in support of participation of representatives from major groups from developing countries, as soon as possible;

14. *Invites* the Bureau of the preparatory committee to play an active and important role in the intergovernmental preparations for the World Summit and to mobilize political support at the highest possible level in both developed and developing countries while pursuing the support of all heads of international organizations within the United Nations system and of international financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility and to actively support the role of the Committee in monitoring with a view to considering the reports of all relevant intergovernmental processes.

15. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development adopted the following decisions:

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[5] Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda) chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

Decision 2001/PC/1
Specific modalities of future sessions of the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, taking into account the provisions of paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 of the General Assembly resolution 55/199, decides on the following modalities of its future meetings:

Second preparatory session

1. The second preparatory session will take place in New York from 28 January to 8 February 2002.[1] During this session the preparatory committee shall undertake the comprehensive review and assessment of progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the other outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development as well as of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 on the basis of the results of national assessments and subregional, regional and interregional preparatory meetings, the documentation to be prepared by the Secretary-General in collaboration with the task managers and other inputs from relevant international organizations, as well as on the basis of contributions from major groups. In order to implement this task the session will have the following organization of work.

2. During the first part of the session the committee will consider:

(a) Results of national assessments;

(b) Results of subregional, regional and interregional preparatory meetings;

(c) Progress reports/results of all intergovernmental processes relevant to the Summit, including progress report on the international environmental governance process;

(d) Report of the Secretary-General and other inputs from the Secretariat;

(e) Inputs from relevant international organizations, international financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility;

(f) Contributions from major groups, organized in a form of a multi-stakeholder dialogue.

3. On the basis of the above, the Chairman of the preparatory committee would prepare a draft document, for further consideration by the committee. This draft document would initially focus on:

(a) Major accomplishments and lessons learned in the implementation of Agenda 21;

[1] The Chairman of the preparatory committee will write to the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme requesting the Bureau of the Governing Council to reconsider the dates of the next meeting of the Council so that they do not coincide with the dates of the preparatory committee.

(b) Major constraints hindering the implementation of Agenda 21, propose specific time-bound measures to be undertaken and identify institutional and financial requirements and the sources of such support;

4. The results of the Committee's deliberations on the draft document will be transmitted to the third session of the preparatory committee.

Third preparatory session

5. The third preparatory session will take place in New York from 25 March to 5 April 2002. During this session the preparatory committee will continue consideration of the Chairman's paper transmitted from its second session, together with other inputs to the preparatory process, as appropriate. This would allow the committee, in addition to the issues outlined in paragraph 3 above, to address ways of strengthening the institutional framework for sustainable development and evaluate and define the role and programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

6. As decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/199, the preparatory committee shall agree on the text of a document containing the results of the review and assessment, as well as conclusions and recommendations for further action during the third preparatory session. The document will be transmitted to the final preparatory session for information and to the World Summit for information and formal adoption. In addition, there should be a proposal regarding the provisional agenda and possible main themes for the Summit based on the results of the preparatory activities carried out at the national, subregional and international levels, also taking into account the input of major groups.

Fourth and final preparatory session

7. The fourth and final preparatory session will be held at the Ministerial level in Indonesia from 27 May to 7 June 2002. The session, drawing upon the agreed text of the document referred to in paragraph 6 above, shall prepare a concise and focused document, which should emphasize the need for a global partnership to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, reconfirm the need for an integrated and strategically focused approach to the implementation of Agenda 21 and address the new challenges and opportunities that have emerged since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development within the framework of Agenda 21. As underscored by the General Assembly, the document submitted for further consideration and adoption at the World Summit should reinvigorate, at the highest political level, the global commitment to a North-South partnership and a higher level of international solidarity to the accelerated implementation of Agenda 21 and the promotion of sustainable development.

8. In order to facilitate this goal, the fourth and final session of the preparatory committee would include:

(a) A two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue segment, to be held during the early part of the session;

(b) A three-day high-level segment at the Ministerial level to be held towards the end of the session.

9. The Committee invites the Bureau to conduct transparent open-ended consultations in a timely manner on matters related to preparations for each of the forthcoming sessions of the preparatory committee.

Decision 2001/PC/2
Tentative organization of work during the World Summit on Sustainable Development

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development recommends that the World Summit should take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 2 to 11 September 2002, with participation at the level of Heads of States or Government during the period from 9 to 11 September, and that the Summit would have the following tentative organization of work:

Period from 2 to 6 September 2002

Plenary

Consideration of organizational issues by the Plenary, as required, followed by:

A series of partnership events involving non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the Summit. The details and topics of these events will be recommended by the Bureau of the preparatory committee through transparent open-ended consultations.

Main Committee

The Main Committee will meet in parallel with the plenary in order to consider all outstanding matters related to the draft final documents of the Summit.

Period from 9 to 11 September 2002

Plenary

General debate among Heads of State or Government.

A short multi-stakeholder event involving the highest level of representation from both major groups and Governments. The details and topics of this event will be recommended by the Bureau of the preparatory committee through transparent open-ended consultations.

Adoption of final documents.

Round tables

Several round tables at the level of Heads of State or Government will be organized in parallel with the general debate. The organizational modalities of these round tables would build on positive experience gained during the Millennium Assembly in 2000. The details and topics of these round tables

will be recommended by the Bureau of the preparatory committee through transparent open-ended consultations.

2. The Committee invites the Bureau to conduct transparent open-ended consultations in a timely manner on matters related to preparations for the World Summit.

3. The Committee noted with interest that, in conjunction with the World Summit, the following additional events are to be arranged by the host Government:

(a) Ceremonies preceding the official opening and following the official closing of the Summit;

(b) An exhibition of sustainable development best practices and technologies, to which all States are invited, to encourage the broadest participation of all accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups.

Decision 2001/PC/3
Arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the World Summit on Sustainable Development of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups

The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/199, decides on the following arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the World Summit of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups:

A. Registration and accreditation

1. The major groups that are currently in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as non-governmental organizations (including those on the roster through the list of the Commission on Sustainable Development) and that wish to attend and contribute to the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its preparatory committee meetings must inform the Secretariat and register to participate. Accredited non-governmental organizations need not register for each preparatory committee meeting separately.

2. Those non-governmental organizations and other major groups currently not in consultative status but wishing to attend and contribute to the World Summit and its preparatory process may apply to the Secretariat for that purpose. The application requires the submission of the following information:

(a) Name of the organization and pertinent contact information, including address and main contact;

(b) Purpose of the organization;

(c) Programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the subject of the World Summit indicating in which country or countries they are carried out;

(d) Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international levels;

(e) Copies of annual or other reports of the organization, with financial statements and a list of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions;

(f) A list of the members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality (for international organizations);

(g) A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution;

(h) A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization;

(i) A completed pre-registration form prepared by the World Summit secretariat.

3. The deadline for submitting accreditation applications is four weeks before the start of each preparatory committee meeting. Applications should be submitted to the Secretariat. The secretariat, with support from United Nations Non-governmental Liaison Service and relevant others, as appropriate, will review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the follow-up process to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. If the evaluation shows, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization is competent and its activities relevant to the work of the World Summit, the Secretariat will make recommendations to the preparatory committee for its decision on the accreditation of those non-governmental organizations and other major groups. In cases where such recommendation is not made, the secretariat of the World Summit will make available to the preparatory committee the reasons for not doing so and will submit its recommendations to the preparatory committee two weeks before the start of each committee meeting.

4. A non-governmental or other major group organization that has been granted accreditation to attend a session of the preparatory committee may attend all of its future sessions and the World Summit itself.

B. Participation modalities during the sessions of the preparatory committee

5. Representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups will participate in the preparatory process in the same way they have participated in the meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Major groups that have obtained accreditation may be given an opportunity briefly to address the preparatory committee and its subsidiary bodies. If the number of requests to speak is too numerous, the preparatory committee will ask the major groups to organize themselves into issue-based constituencies, such as caucuses or coalitions, with each constituency speaking through a spokesperson. Accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups may, at their own expense, make written presentation in the official languages of the United Nations during the preparatory process, as they deem appropriate. Those written presentations will not be issued as documents unless they are in accordance with United Nations rules and procedures.

6. Based on the practices of the Commission on Sustainable Development, a number of multi-stakeholder dialogue segments will be organized as part of the preparatory committee meetings. Dialogue starter papers from major groups will be requested in the form of reviews of progress and future action necessary under the relevant major group chapters of Agenda 21. The planned multi-stakeholder dialogues include:

(a) In the early part of the second preparatory committee meeting, a two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue with representatives from all nine major groups will be organized. The focus of the dialogue will be aligned with the issues on the agenda of the preparatory meeting, that is, a comprehensive review and assessment of progress achieved in implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21. The purpose of the dialogue will be to provide an opportunity to representatives of major groups to share their views on the progress achieved. The outcome of this dialogue will be a Chair's summary, which will be submitted to the preparatory committee and incorporated into its records;

(b) In the early part of the fourth meeting of the preparatory committee, a two-day multi-stakeholder dialogue with representatives from all nine major groups will be organized. The focus of this dialogue will be aligned with the issues that are on the agenda of this meeting, that is, need for a global partnership to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, reconfirming the need for an integrated and strategically focused approach to the implementation of Agenda 21 and addressing the main challenges and opportunities faced by the international community in this regard. The purpose of this second dialogue will be to provide opportunities to representatives of major groups to contribute their views on future actions and priorities. The outcome of this dialogue will be a Chair's summary, which will be submitted to the preparatory committee and incorporated into its records.

7. As in the meetings of the Commission, major group organizations will have an opportunity to organize various informal side events and briefings to exchange views with Governments. The Secretariat will facilitate and coordinate these activities under the guidance of the Bureau of the preparatory committee.

C. Preliminary modalities for participation in the World Summit

8. Accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups will have direct access to the official Summit venue. For security and safety reasons, on some days of the Summit, a limit on the number of major group participants may need to be established. Once the Summit programme is defined, the Secretariat will inform the major groups regarding these arrangements. Participation in the work of the Main Committee will function on the same basis as at the annual sessions of the Commission.

9. Recognizing the limited time available, a small but representative number of individuals from accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups will be invited to address the plenary part of the Summit after the statements made by governmental representatives. The individual speakers will be identified through the self-organized mechanisms of the major groups, in coordination with the President of the Summit, through the Secretariat.

10. A short multi-stakeholder event is planned for the World Summit. This event will be designed to involve the highest level of representation from both major

groups and Governments. Selection of the participants in the multi-stakeholder event other than the governmental representatives should be from the non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the Summit. The focus would be for Governments and major groups to exchange and publicly announce the specific commitments they have made for the next phase of work in the field of sustainable development. In the case of major groups, commitments and targets are expected to emerge from national, regional and international consultations of major group organizations. A record of the commitments announced and shared would be made and released as part of the Summit outcome.

11. In addition, plenary sessions during the first week of the World Summit will be organized as a series of partnership events with accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups. These could be in the form of dialogues and may include those of a multi-stakeholder nature. The details and topics of these dialogues will be recommended by the Bureau of the preparatory committee.

12. Other stakeholder events and activities are also expected to take place such as informal round tables with major groups and Governments on specific issues, parallel events and various side events.

D. Funding

13. The secretariat of the World Summit will facilitate the funding of participants from major groups from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the multi-stakeholder dialogues during the preparatory meetings and the Summit.

14. Interested donor Governments and other donors are encouraged to provide voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund in support of this process.

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